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## “Trust Your Heart” Dr. Thomas Barnett Tells 2006 Clayton State University Graduates

by John Shiffert, University Relations

**W**hat is the measure of a good, a memorable, Commencement address?

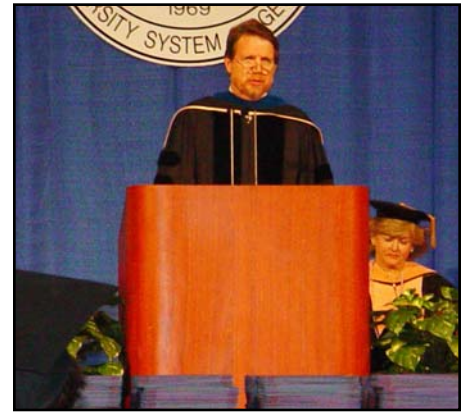
Clayton State University senior faculty member Dr. Thomas V. Barnett asked that question Saturday, as a preamble to addressing the University’s 36th Annual Spring Commencement. Barnett, who has heard more than a few commencement addresses during his 35 years at Clayton State, noted that he only really remembered one such address – and that was given at another college some years back by Ted Turner, whose message was, according to Barnett, easily distilled into three words, “always use sunscreen.”

While Barnett did not advocate the use of SPF 15 or higher to the graduates at Clayton State’s twin ceremonies, he did

have an equally succinct message for the graduates. Indeed, Barnett said that the reason Turner’s address was memorable was not so much for its content as for its brevity, “a good Commencement address is one that you should be able to reduce to three words,” he said.

Having made that observation, Barnett proceeded to make good his claim, urging the graduates to “trust your heart.” Using his own experience as an example, Barnett told how he spent his first three undergraduate years at the University of North Carolina as an undeclared major – taking essentially those courses he was interested in.

“My curriculum was by a process of desire,” he explained. And while he was not advocating taking three years of col-



Dr. Thomas V. Barnett

lege without declaring a major (he eventually became an English major), Barnett did urge the graduates to follow his lead, and follow their desires.

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## Six Great Faculty... 185 Years at Clayton State

**S**ince the goal of all institutions of high learning is to advance knowledge, faculty are what ultimately make any university great.

That’s as true at Clayton State University as anywhere. However, as a 37-year old institution of higher learning, founded in 1969, Clayton State has the rare opportunity of still being able to celebrate and benefit from a group of outstanding faculty members who have helped the University grow from junior college status to university status. As Clayton State just celebrated both its 36th Annual Spring Commencement, and the forthcoming implementation of its first graduate-level program (the Masters of Arts in Liberal Studies), six long-time faculty members were recently honored on the occasion of their milestone anniversaries.

Remarkably, no less than five Clayton State faculty members are currently celebrating their 30th anniversaries at the University. At the same time, Dr. Thomas V. Barnett, professor of English and this year’s Commencement speaker, is marking 35 years at Clayton State. That’s a total of 185 years of educating men and women in Morrow, Ga.

In addition to Barnett completing his 35th year at Clayton State, Professor of History Dr. Eugene A. Hatfield, Associate Professor of Accounting Gregory S. Kordecki, Professor

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## Clayton State Offers Dental Hygiene Degree Completion



Registered dental hygienist can now easily transition from their current careers to the classroom, where earning a bachelor's is closer than ever before.

Registered Dental hygienist (RDH) holding associate degrees in their field who want to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene (BSDH) now have a convenient path to pursue at Clayton State University.

The Department of Dental Hygiene in the University's School of Health Sciences is now offering an RDH-BSDH track, in which dental hygienist can complete the courses the need to receive a Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene. After the student completes the core classes and has been accepted into the program, the upper-level dental hygiene courses can be completed in as little as three semesters.

Since the program is designed to accommodate working dental hygienist, students may attend on either a part-time or full-time basis, and classes are offered both days and evenings. In addition, online options are available for many courses.

"The RDH-BSDH track builds on the knowledge, experience and unique educational needs of the adult learner," says Dr. Susan Duley, head of the Clayton State Department of Dental Hygiene. "Because we offer a wide variety of courses, you'll have the skills necessary to expand your professional practice and keep pace with the rapidly changing world of health care delivery."

The RDH-BSDH track prepares graduates for leadership, management and clinical educator roles.

"Baccalaureate-prepared hygienist are more qualified to seek employment beyond traditional clinical practice," notes Duley. "The BSDH graduate possesses a broad perspective concerning the health care environment, cultural diversity, technological advancements and leadership skills." ■

## Health Sciences Studying Health Care Delivery in Europe

by Leigh Wills, University Relations

For many years before 9/11, the Clayton State University School of Health Sciences offered a yearly international health care elective in Europe that was very successful and popular with students and community leaders in health care.

Today, the School has reinstated the program and Dr. Lisa Eichelberger, dean and Dr. Melanie Poudevigne, assistant professor & program coordinator in Health & Fitness Management, are leading an entourage of nine students and Eichelberger's 15-year old daughter, Tera, to England and France for the two-week experience on "A Study of the Western European Health Care systems and their legacy."

The course is listed as HSCI 4800, a senior level course at Clayton State University. Georgia State University's nursing faculty has also agreed to offer the course as a graduate elective for their masters and doctoral students and Clayton State has offered to work with students enrolled at other colleges for credit at their institutions.

Poudevigne, a native of France, has been responsible for planning the itinerary and she, Eichelberger, and Dr. Robert Welborn,

director of International Education and Professor of History, have been working on the details since last fall. The trip is opened to the community and participants don't have to take the course for credit to enjoy the trip and the sites.

The tour will consist of daily lectures, panel discussions, museum tours, and free time. They will spend four days in London where they will visit the Florence Nightingale Museum, The Foundling Museum and take a London Tour by bus. They will then fly to Paris and spend six days in Paris, with stops at the Arc de Triomphe, the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre Museum and a day at Normandy Beach.

Clayton State students participating in this year's Health Sciences Maymester are Lynda Cokuslu, Nikki Lawe, Susan Pangburn, Lorretta Boyd, Justin Swagg, Teneshia Hunnicutt, Priscilla Poole, Lakisha Harden and Teesia Brown. ■

## Clayton State Youth University Offers New Theme-Based Camps

by Susan Volkert, Continuing Education

Clayton State University's Division of Continuing Education is once again offering its award-winning Youth University programs as an exciting alternative to traditional summer day-camp.

Youth University now offers a new theme-based curriculum during morning sessions with the choice of two electives in the afternoon. These innovative programs offer students ages seven to 12 a unique learning experience designed to enhance their academic, cultural and physical skills and knowledge. Kids can build their study schedule from a variety of theme-based courses ranging from academics to art, sports and beyond.



### Fast Facts



#### Youth University

##### Summer Sessions and costs:

Session I: Jun 5 - Jun 16 | \$295

Session II: Jun 19 - Jun 30 | \$295

Session III: Jul 3 - Jul 17 | \$295

Session IV: Jul 18 - Jul 31 | \$295

##### Themes include:

Actor's Workshop, Computer Connections, Camp Explorer, Writer's Camp, Camp Strive for Academic Excellence, Arts & Crafts Studio, and Spanish Immersion Camp.

Register now by visiting

[www.conted.clayton.edu](http://www.conted.clayton.edu) or

call (678) 466-5050

"Community response to Youth University has been great," says Hattie Strickland, program coordinator for Clayton State University's Continuing Education department, "Most parents like the program because of its collegiate feel. Parents know that children will be safe here and that the activities are engaging, fun-filled, and rewarding."

All Youth University classes will be held on campus at Clayton State University and are staffed by qualified teachers and counselors, many of whom attended the programs as children themselves. Selected for their ability to facilitate learning and their enthusiasm in working with students, all Youth University teachers and counselors and have backgrounds in education, technology, recreation, writing, the arts and athletics.

Youth University sessions will be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. to assist working parents. Youth University's sessions run from June 5 to June 16; June 19 to June 30; July 3 to July 17; and July 18 to July 31. To view Youth University courses and register online, visit [www.conted.clayton.edu](http://www.conted.clayton.edu) or call (678) 466-5050 for more information. ■

## Clayton State Gears Up For Summer Sports Camps

The Department of Athletics at Clayton State University will once again be offering summer sport camps for boys and girls ages six to 17. The camps include basketball, soccer, tennis, and speed development.

The camps are designed to provide the highest quality instruction in a safe, fun, and socially enriching environment. The primary goal is for all campers to enjoy themselves while learning and improving their skills. Daily activities are led by Clayton State head coaches.

Coach Gordon Gibbons will be holding Boys Basketball Camp May 30 to June 1 (Offensive Skills – ages 10 to 17); June 12 to June 18 (Day Camp – ages six to 14); Saturdays June 14, June 24 and July 1 (Offensive Skills); and June 26 to June 30 (Day Camp).

Coach Dennis Cox will be holding Girls Basketball Day Camps (ages six to 14) June 5 to June 9 and June 19 to June 23. The Girls Offensive Skills Camps will also be held from May 30 to June 1 (ages 14 to 17) and on June 14, June 24 and July 1 (ages 10 to 17).

The Boys & Girls Soccer Camps, under the direction of Clayton State head soccer coaches Pete Peterson and T.O. Totty, will be for ages six to 16 and will run Monday through Friday from June 5 to June 9, from June 12 to June 16, from June 19 to June 23 and from June 26 to June 30.

The Speed Development Camps – a unique program designed to teach the ABCs of running -- with Clayton State Track and Cross Country Coach Mike Mead, will also be for ages six to 16 and will run in three week-long sessions, June 12 to June 16, June 19 to June 23 and July 10 to July 14.

Boys & Girls Tennis Camps will run for six to 16 year olds from June 12 to June 16, from June 19 to June 23 and from June 26 to June 30.

The Clayton State Division of Continuing Education is handling registration for the summer camps. To view a complete list of camps, days, times and costs, please go to <http://conted.clayton.edu/> or <http://athletics.clayton.edu/general/camps.htm>. Registration for all summer camps can be handled by phone (678-466-5050), on-line, by mail or in person. For more information, please call the Clayton State Department of Athletics at (678) 466-5257. ■

## Alumni/Development Page

### Clayton State Alumni Association Places First Commemorative Bricks

by Gid Rowell, Alumni Relations

A number of Clayton State alumni and friends had their names etched in stone ... or more like brick, and placed in the heart of the Clayton State campus.

The Clayton State Alumni Association and the Department of Alumni Relations recently unveiled its "Legacy Court" Commemorative Brick Campaign with the first set of bricks placed.

"We are so happy and proud about having the bricks placed," said Clayton State Alumni Association President Dina Swearngin. "It took us a little longer than expected to get the first set in the ground but now that we have the first ones in place and everyone can see them, we expect the program to take off."



The initial placement of 80 bricks encircle the replica of the Bent Tree that is located at the south entrance of the James M. Baker University Center, near the Administration Building, which is now appropriately called "Legacy Court." The bricks are cinnamon in color and match the University Center.

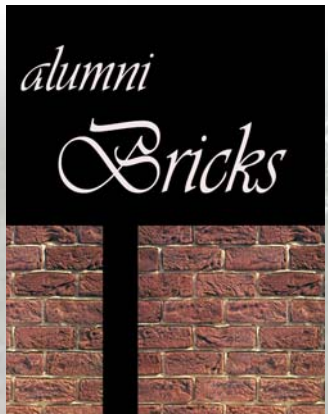
The Alumni Association has already sold more than 30 bricks for its next placement and hopes to sell enough bricks in the coming months to have another set placed in the fall. The timing is perfect with spring graduation next week, allowing the Association an opportunity to show upcoming graduates.

Swearngin says the brick campaign was introduced by the Alumni Association to show support for the rapidly growing University and to make a lasting contribution to the beautiful Morrow campus.

She also adds that purchasing a brick is an excellent way to honor a friend, parent, child, favorite professor or anyone deserving that permanent mark of distinction on the Clayton State campus.

The Alumni Association will accept orders for a commemorative brick on an on-going basis. They are available for personalization with name, degree and year for only \$50 or, may be placed in honor of someone that supported an individual while they were attending Clayton State. Proceeds will benefit the Clayton State University Alumni Association

For more information, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 678-466-4477. Additional information and order forms are also available via the Clayton State Alumni Relations website, <http://www.clayton.edu/alumni2.htm>. ■



Alumni Association

**Legacy  
Court  
Brick  
Campaign**

A TRIBUTE  
FOR TODAY  
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A PATHWAY  
FOR TOMORROW

Clayton State University invites its special friends to make their mark on Legacy Court. Purchasing a brick is an excellent way to honor a friend or loved one—parent, child, favorite teacher or anyone you would like to recognize with a permanent mark of distinction.

A gift of \$50 or more will make certain you have a place in Legacy Court that remains through future generations as a lasting reminder of your generous contribution.

Find out more at  
[www.clayton.edu](http://www.clayton.edu)

(from left to right); Clayton State Alumni Association President Dina Swearngin, Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden and Director of Alumni Relations Gid Rowell inspect the first bricks in Legacy Court.

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of English Dr. David A. Ludley, Professor of Reading Dr. Penney Miller, and Professor of English Dr. William A. Pasch make up the "30-Year" faculty class at Clayton State. Not surprisingly, they've all seen a lot of changes over the years.

A 1968 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Barnett earned an M.A. in English from the University of Georgia in August of 1971, and his Ph.D. from Georgia State University in 1982. After, as he says, "making the rounds of the junior colleges in the Atlanta area," Barnett was offered a position at the then Clayton Junior College, following his graduation from UGA. And, the rest is (Clayton State) history.

Currently Department Head of Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies, Barnett also heads the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program.

Although Barnett has seen many changes as Clayton State has grown from a junior college to a university during his long tenure, he says that what strikes him the most over the years is not what has changed, but what has remained the same.

"Clayton State has been and is now a remarkably beautiful campus. We have done a superb job of preserving that beauty and accommodating



new buildings to the overall architectural theme of the campus," he comments. "I often am called upon to give campus tours to applicants for faculty positions, and these applicants invariably comment on the beauty of the campus and how unique our campus is."

Barnett and his wife, Gwen, a nurse and the supervisor of the Kennestone Hospital Emergency Room, live in Sandy Springs. Their sons Will and Taft, are, respectively, a rising senior at Presbyterian College, and a rising junior at Warren Wilson College.

A resident of Jonesboro, Ga., Hatfield holds a Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina.

"I accepted an offer to teach here in part because Clayton County was about halfway between my hometown of Chattanooga and my wife Carol's hometown of Macon," he says. "I expected to be here for only a few years. Instead, I have spent my entire career here."

Although it wasn't the career path he anticipated, Hatfield has become one of the University's highest-profile educators as a citizen member of the Atlanta Regional Commission and a member and past chairman of the Georgia Civil War

**Flashback to 1979**

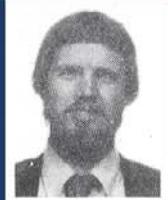
Before they had a combined 185 years at Clayton State University, they were faculty at then Clayton Junior College where Barnett and Pasch were two of only nine English faculty, Hatfield was one of six history professors, Kordecki was one of two accounting instructors, and Ludley and Miller were part of the Special Studies area serving as English and reading instructors, respectively.

Commission. One of the region's foremost historians, he is currently head of the Department of Social Sciences at Clayton State, he was also the director of the University's Honors Program for a decade.

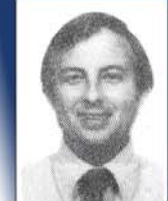
"I have loved teaching at Clayton State. In each class, I have had students who were eager to learn and who made me want to give my very best effort in teaching them. It has been highly gratifying seeing so many of them take their place in the community as responsible citizens," he says. "Without doubt the highlight of my time at Clayton State has been working with Brad Rice to create the Honors Program and serving as its director for its first 10 years. I believe the Honors Program has been a great asset to Clayton State. We have had many outstanding young people come through the program."

As is the case with many of his long-time peers, Hatfield notes the growth of Clayton State when asked about the changes he has seen over the years.

"It has been very gratifying to have a part in Clayton State's growth from a junior college to a university. In my own



Thomas V. Barnett  
Assistant Professor  
English



Gene Hatfield  
Instructor  
History



Gregory S. Kordecki  
Instructor  
Business Administration



David A. Ludley  
Instructor  
English



Penney Miller  
Instructor  
Reading



William A. Pasch  
Assistant Professor  
English

# Across the Campus...

## Admissions

As an added convenience to prospective students, the Admissions Office at Clayton State University has added evening and Saturday hours when prospective students and their families can meet with an admissions counselor. The new extended hours in the Clayton State Admissions Office, located on the first floor of the Clayton State Student Center, are; Monday to Thursday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and the first and third Saturdays of each month from 9 a.m. to noon. During the extended evening and Saturday hours, prospective students can schedule an individual appointment to meet with an admissions counselor to discuss their college plans.

## Athletics

After eight seasons as the men's head golf state at Clayton State, Bob Hill has announced his resignation from the position. Hill was the second head coach in the history of men's golf at Clayton State, which started in 1995. During his tenure at Clayton State, Hill paced the Lakers to three NCAA Division II South Regional Tournaments and a seventh place finish at the 1999 NCAA Division II National Championships.

## Career Resource Center

The Clayton County Branch of the Career Resource Center will be participating in the Clayton Chamber of Commerce and Georgia Department of Labor Job Fair on Thursday, June 1 at Ft. Gillem's Getaway Club. The Job Fair will run from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Military service members, their spouses and the public are invited to attend. The Career Resource Center is funded through the Atlanta Regional Workforce Board and the Atlanta Regional Commission and has been managed by the Clayton State University Division of Continuing Education since 1996.

## University System of Georgia

A new 12-page issue of The University System of Georgia's The System Supplement is now available online at: [http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys\\_supp/](http://www.usg.edu/pubs/sys_supp/). Congratulations to Dr. Michael Deis from the School of Business who is mentioned in this issue.

## Life's Transitions

Clayton State University retiree Dr. Richard E. Moore passed away on Sunday, May 14. The wake was held on Thursday, May 18 at the Willie Watkins Funeral Home in Atlanta and the funeral was held on Friday, May 19, at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Atlanta. Dr. Moore requested that donations be made to the American Cancer Society in lieu of flowers. The Clayton State Retirees Association will make a donation to this organization. If you wish to send a card of condolence, you may send it to his daughter, Dr. Gwendolyn Tutt and family, at 1714 Paddlewheel Dr., Marietta, Ga. 30062.

Congratulations to University Relations' Leigh Gayle (Duncan) Wills on her Wednesday, May 17 wedding to Russell Scott Wills at Summergrove Golf Club in Newnan, Ga. The South Seas-themed ceremony had a distinctly Clayton State feel, including a strong representation from Clayton State faculty and staff, starting with President Dr. Thomas K. Harden. Most of the Clayton Staters present felt that the flash of lightning that accompanied the wedding party's exact arrival via stretch limo was an especially memorable moment. Vice President Emeritus of Academic Affairs Dr. Elliott McElroy performed the ceremony,

and Clayton State alumnus Patrick Thompson provided most of the classical guitar music that accompanied the service. The couple will live in Newnan.

Clayton State Athletic Trainer John Zupal's mother, Aggie Zupal, passed away on Monday, May 15, at the age of 71 after a long battle with cancer. A Pennsylvania native, Aggie Zupal's wake was held on Wednesday, May 17 at Yoskovich Funeral Home in Carmichaels, Pa. John and wife Christy Zupal will return from Pennsylvania this Sunday.

As part of the Clayton State Alumni Association's Commemorative Brick Campaign, SmartBodies and the Clayton State Department of Athletics are going to sponsor a brick in memory of Aggie Zupal. As was the case with a similar brick in honor of Dr. Art Rosser, the honorary brick will be placed in the Legacy Court, which encircles the replica of the Bent Tree outside the Baker Center.

Clayton State Alumni Director, and former Sports Information Director, Gid Rowell says he is going to work on creating having a special section of memorial bricks in Legacy Court.

## Got News?

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# Spivey Hall Honors Founder of Children's Choir Program

**Martha Ellen Stilwell to Receive World Premiere Choral Work,  
Children's Choir Alumni Reception and Proclamation from Clayton State University**

by Jared Morrison, Spivey Hall

Spivey Hall will honor Mrs. Martha Ellen Stilwell, a 30-year music educator and visionary behind the formation of the Spivey Hall Children's Choir, with a series of events on Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 3 p.m. The afternoon will begin with a special performance by the Children's Choir which will include the world premiere of a work by composer David Brunner with poetry from William Blake's Songs of Innocence entitled, "A Song for Every Child." The work was commissioned in honor of Mrs. Stilwell. At a guest reception following the performance, Clayton State University President Thomas K. Harden will greet distinguished guests, which will include alumni of the Children's Choir program, and honor Mrs. Stilwell's inspirational leadership by presenting a proclamation officially naming May 20, 2006 Martha Ellen Stilwell Day.



Mrs. Martha Ellen Stilwell

It was thanks to Mrs. Stilwell's inspirational vision and determination that the Spivey Hall Children's Choir was founded in 1994 with 45 young singers under the direction of conductor Martha Shaw. Blossoming into three choirs, including the Spivey Hall Tour Choir, the Spivey Hall Children's Choir, and the Spivey Hall Young Artists, the program has served 400 families and their children over its eleven-year history. Children between the ages of 10 and 18 now commute from 17 metro-Atlanta counties each week to rehearse in a choir as Mrs. Stilwell envisioned.

The Spivey Hall Children's Choir has flourished and grown in reputation to be one of the most respected children's choirs in North America, acclaimed for performances internationally, nationally and throughout Georgia. The choir has built nationwide audiences through its unprecedented number of broadcasts on National Public Radio's Performance Today, a program which reaches 1.5 million listeners every week.

Mrs. Stilwell contributed a 30-year career service as a public school educator, serving as Clayton County Schools' first Coordinator of Fine Arts from 1968 until retiring in 1995. During the time before her retirement, she persistently encour-

aged Clayton State University and Spivey Hall leaders to offer a superior-quality choral-training opportunity to serve children, believing that one of the birthrights

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## The Spivey Hall Children's Choir Spring Concert Schedule

**The Spivey Hall Young Artists**  
with the Spivey Hall Children's Choir  
Friday, May 19, 2006 at 7 p.m. | \$10

**The Spivey Hall Children's Choir**  
Saturday, May 20, 2006 at 3 p.m. | \$10  
**Martha Ellen Stilwell Reception**  
Follows | \$25

**The Spivey Hall Children's Choir**  
Sunday, May 21, 2006 at 3 p.m. | \$10

For tickets, please call the Spivey Hall  
Box Office at (678) 466-4200 or visit  
[www.spiveyhall.org](http://www.spiveyhall.org).

## Other News from Spivey Hall...



Dr. Andras Batta, rector of the Liszt Academy in Budapest, renewed his acquaintance with Spivey Hall's Sherryl Nelson during his visit to Clayton State on May 11 .

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department, we now have three baccalaureate programs," he says.

Gene and Carol Hatfield have been married for of 37 years. Daughter Ann is a banking executive in Charlotte, N.C. and son Edward is completing a master's thesis in U.S. History at the University of Georgia. They have one granddaughter, Amelia and two-and-a-half.

"I knew I wanted to teach in higher education. I was finishing my first graduate program at Georgia State where I met Mike Field. Mike

was on the faculty in the division of social sciences at Clayton Junior College and he encouraged me to apply," says Kordecki of his introduction to Clayton State.

A CPA with a live permit to practice in the State of Georgia, Kordecki has both public accounting and college teaching experience, in addition to working in government and private industry. Although accountants have the reputation as numbers-crunchers, Kordecki notices people at Clayton State.

"Clayton State is a great people place," he says. "Students, staff and faculty are universally treated with dignity and respect by almost all. Teaching at Clayton State is a challenge -- you need to satisfy multiple constituencies, while never letting up on the teaching and learning process."

Although he notes that the low-tech equipment of the 80's is gone from Clayton State, still present are the woodland environment with beautiful lakes and wildlife, faculty who care about learning, and first generation college students seeking guidance on professional goals and options.

Kordecki has been married to the former Christine Schroeder since 1972 -- a time period that he points out parallels and exceeds his Clayton State tenure. The

Kordeckis reside in Chamblee, Ga., with their two children, Hilary, age nine, and Frank, age five, both adopted from the People's Republic of China (PRC). Greg Kordecki says their family goals include work abroad in the semi-rural communities of the PRC for one to two years.

Ludley was a college administrator in Chicago some 30 years ago, but he missed teaching.

"When I flew down to Georgia and saw all the beautiful trees from the plane and then met the

great people, I knew this was the place for me," he says.

A resident of Jonesboro with a Ph.D. from Emory University, Ludley comments that the 30-Year people have gone from the Junior College, to the State College, to the State College and University, and finally, the State University.

"Without a doubt, the present is the best! Such a dynamic, growing, and diversifying place provides great opportunities for personal growth. And the students we draw can be wonderful! I am proud of them," he says.

And, in fact, the highlight of his 30 years at Clayton State have been his students. Among his reminiscences are: students throwing a big party to celebrate his doctorate; traveling for study abroad overseas; welcoming back a former student, who credited Ludley with his leaving engineering, as a visiting, published poet; and the many times a former student has stopped in to talk about how much he loved and uses art history.

All three of Ludley's children are graduating this month... his twins from high school, and his eldest son from college.

Miller, who holds a B.A. from the University of North Carolina and M.Ed. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Georgia, notes that she likes Clayton State enough to spend 30 years.

"There have been other opportunities, but I've chosen to stay here because the campus is pretty, the students have usually been appreciative, and I've worked for good people who have encouraged my strengths, accepted my idiosyncrasies, and gently pointed out my weaknesses," she says. "I was fortunate to see a need that I cared passionately about, and I have been allowed to work with something like missionary zeal for a long time.

"Few people have that kind of opportunity in their professional lives."

A resident of Griffin, Ga., Pasch has a bachelor's degree in English from Wittenberg University and master's and doctoral degrees in English from the

University of Massachusetts at Amherst. He also has done some undergraduate study abroad at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom.

The Commencement ceremony held a special meaning for Pasch.

"Probably my strongest feeling about being here at Clayton State is the joy and pride in having had the privilege of seeing 30 years' worth of graduates receive their degrees at Commencement, and especially at seeing more and more of those degrees become bachelor's degrees," he says.

Pasch also says he is proud to have served (until 2004) as the only department head

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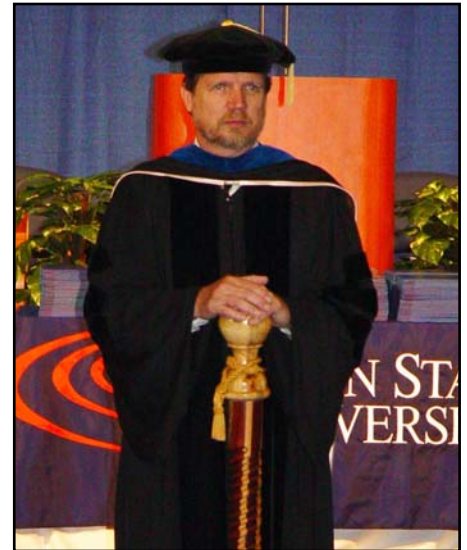
## Theatre Preview...

Clayton State Theater Artistic Director Phillip DePoy's play "Turned Funny," based on the Celestine Sibley memoir of the same name, will begin the workshop phase in Marietta's Theatre in the Square today. The play is slated to appear on the Theatre in the Square stage in mid August.



Celestine Sibley

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"To happy in your work, trust your heart," he said. "I followed a curriculum of desires. I continue to pursue those desires."

The pursuit of those desires led Barnett to Clayton State in the summer of 1971, after earning an M.A. in English from the University of Georgia. After, as he says, "making the rounds of the junior colleges in the Atlanta area," Barnett was offered a position at the, then, Clayton Junior College.

"It seems like I just blinked my eyes and here I am, 35 years later in the same job, and loving every minute of it," he said, pausing while the graduates and some 1200 spectators cheered.

Currently Department Head of Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies and Professor of English, Barnett is also heading up Clayton State's move to the next academic level – the University's first graduate-level program, Master of Arts in Liberal Studies. As the University senior faculty member, he also led the assembled faculty into the Commencement ceremonies, carrying a ceremonial mace and then initiating the official proceedings with a call to order by pounding the mace on the stage three times.

"What the faculty most want is that you will be happy," he told the graduates in conclusion. "The career will come and the money, too. It is our greatest wish that you find happiness and trust your heart." ■

## Bud Miller...

### Once a Re-Engineer, Always a Re-Engineer

By John Shiffert, University Relations



Ernest M. "Bud" Miller

Ernest M. "Bud" Miller has made a name for himself as a "re-engineer," first with Arvida Company, and as dean of the School of Business.

In the early 1990s Miller, as CEO of Arvida, re-engineered the real estate giant, concluding his work by eliminating his own job. Now he has re-engineered the School to the point where he has just returned from Paris after accepting official notice that the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB) International had awarded the School of Business the Association's coveted accreditation.

Going from turning severe losses into strong profits at Arvida to helping a University's School of Business earn "the gold standard of management education," (Miller's words) hasn't

been that much of a change for the dean. However, unlike his experience at Arvida, where he re-engineered himself out of a job, Miller doesn't plan on leaving Clayton State anytime soon. And, as is often not the case with corporate re-engineering, he's enjoyed the support of the entire organization in making AACSB accreditation a reality.

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“As I have said previously, this great achievement would not have been possible without the efforts, contributions and support of the whole campus,” says Miller

Miller especially thanks Clayton State President Dr. Thomas K. Harden for his “enthusiastic support” of the accreditation process, noting that one of his first meetings with Harden after he took over the Clayton State presidency in mid-2000, was when he first suggested the idea of going for the AACSB accreditation.

The transformation of the Clayton State School of Business comes some nine years after Miller came to Clayton State in the summer of 1997. After making his a reputation as a corporate re-engineer by transforming Arvida through a reorganization and reduction process, and turning around the Florida-based real estate company’s balance sheet – he resigned and eliminated one of the two senior positions in the company.

“I fired myself,” he says, an action that brought him commendations from the Wall Street Journal, Reader’s Digest and Harvard Magazine. The Lynn, Ma., native came to Clayton State with an impressive resume that included Sperry and Hutchinson, Penn Central and Arvida. He has also founded two investment companies, Wilson Miller Capital and Miller Financial Enterprises.

Following a two-year search for a new dean for the School of Business, Clayton State chose a businessman who had spent 11 years (1980-84 and 1987-96) helping steer Arvida through a series of dramatic changes -- from a subsidiary of Penn Central, through a leveraged buyout, to an immensely profitable (1994 profits of \$50 million) and completely restructured operation. ■



Budget & Finance Team; Kerrie Ward, Crystal Thompson, Valerie Leak, Vickie Fennell, Anita Mercer. The Spring into Action competition began on Mar. 1 and ran through Apr. 25. Two teams participated, Arts & Sciences and the winners, Budget & Finance. The A&S team: Wendy Ardolino; Victoria Pasley; Ray Wallace; Sabrina Williams and Jackie Person. Milton Tanner, one of SmartBodies seniors, won the individual competition with 3,752 minutes.



**Memories!**



**Clayton State’s Staff Appreciation Day, May 19, 2006**



Clayton State’s Tammy Wilson (right) with Outback Managing Partner Janice Davison

**Thanks Outback!**

Outback Steakhouse, 1375 Mt. Zion Rd. in Morrow, served up hamburgers, chips, tea and cheesecake to the staff of Clayton State University as part of the University’s Staff Appreciation Day. Outback Managing Partner Janice Davison was last on the Clayton State campus in March 2006, when Outback took part in the University’s annual Career Expo. At that time, Tammy Wilson of the University’s Staff Council asked Davison if Outback would like to provide all the food for Staff Appreciation Day. Seems as if the cheesecake Outback provided for the same event in 2005 whetted everyone’s appetite for more in 2006.



## Sharon Wiles to Play for Jamaica in Caribbean Games

As most of the Clayton State Laker women's basketball players are preparing for different endeavors this summer, Sharon Wiles is preparing to represent her country in an elite event.

Wiles, a 5-9 wing/forward for Clayton State, was selected to play for her native Jamaica this summer in the Caribbean Games. Wiles and her Jamaican national teammates will be one of the favorites in the Caribbean Games, which will be held from July 13 to July 22 in Kingston, Jamaica.

The Caribbean Games is the preliminary event for the World Games next summer, which is the qualifier tournament for the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing. ■

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in the 10-year history of the Clayton State academic unit known as the Department of Humanities, before it was divided into the two successor departments of Language and Literature and Communicative Arts and Integrative Studies (now headed by Barnett). He also nicely encapsulates his long-term colleagues' most common theme when talking about Clayton State.

"It's exciting to be part of an institution that has practically redefined itself almost every year, so rapid has its growth been," he says.

Pasch has been married for 35 years to the Rev. Katherine Pasch, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church in Griffin. Their children, Amy and Joel, live in Dallas and Griffin, respectively. ■

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of every child should be the opportunity to sing in choirs and to learn early in life how to sing correctly. Mrs. Stilwell further dedicated herself as a founding member of the Spivey Hall Education Committee, helping develop even more of Spivey Hall's award-winning educational programs, which serve over 15,000 children annually. She currently lives in Marietta's Winnwood Retirement Community with her husband Frank.

"A Song for Every Child," was made possible thanks to a generous gift from choir parents Steve & Nancy Rieck and a matching gift by Southwind Enterprises, Ltd. It is dedicated in loving memory of Nancy's parents, Bill & Lillian Loucks. ■

### Trivia Time

## The Smothers Brothers

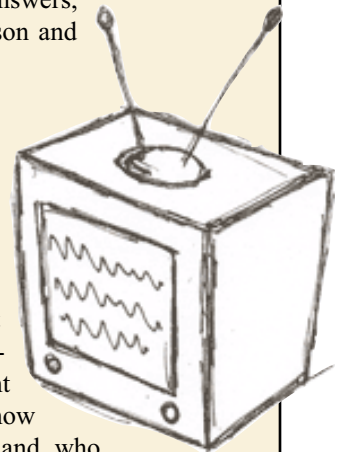
by John Shiffert, University Relations

Mom may have liked Dick Smothers best -- at least, according to Tom Smothers she did -- but it's also true that almost everyone liked the Smothers Brothers. Folk singers turned comedians turned TV stars, Tom (the older of the two) and Dick Smothers were a very hot item in the late Sixties. So hot that CBS, unable to stand the heat generated by their counter-culture and anti-war views, cancelled the show in 1969. Such were the Sixties.

Nevertheless, the Smothers Brothers remain a significant memory of another era. In fact, practically everyone knew that mom liked Dick best. Tekkies (Todd Birchfield, Debye Baird and Norman Grizzell), professors (Tom Eddins and Kurt-Alexander Zeller), staff (Maria Johnson, Dirk Morrell and Kathy Garrison), retirees (Dotty Bumbalough, Judy Gifford and Rob Taylor), a coach (Mike Mead) and a college president, Dr. Barbara Losty, president of Wacross College in Waycross, Ga. Campus Review goes out to the presidents of the rest of the institutions in the University System of Georgia, and Dr. Losty decided to get in on the fun, noting another common complaint of Tom's... that Dick got a dog for a pet and all he got was a chicken!

For the record, Birchfield had the first of the 13 correct answers, followed by Johnson and Baird.

Speaking of the Sixties and television... the first interracial kiss on television took place in the Sixties, but not under the circumstances you might expect. On what show did this happen, and who were the actors involved? Send your answers to [johnshiffert@clayton.edu](mailto:johnshiffert@clayton.edu).



## Sports Page

# Kreutzer Runs School Record 5,000 Provisional Time in Indy, But Fails to Qualify for Championships

Clayton State University sophomore Allison Kreutzer finished a disappointing 10th place in the 5,000m run at the Georgia Tech Invitational. Kreutzer, who provisionally qualified on May 6 in Indianapolis with a 5,000m time of 17:44.45, ran 18:00.63 on Friday.



Allison Kreutzer

“Allison was very capable of running 17:30, but she just didn’t run aggressively enough to reach that time,” said head coach Mike Mead. “She had a great season, but it was disappointing that she did not end the season on an upbeat note.”

While Kreutzer, a two-time Cross Country All-American, has been declared to compete in the 5,000 at the NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field Championships in two weeks in Kansas, her time will not be fast enough to make the cut. She also had run a provisional time in the 1500m of 4:43.48 last month, but that time is also not fast enough to make it to the national meet. So, for the first time since 2003, Clayton State will not have representation at the outdoor championships.

Kreutzer did have a productive weekend in Indiana and came away with a win, a school record and the NCAA Division II provisional qualifying time in the 5,000

meters. On Saturday night at the Butler University Twilight meet, Kreutzer ran 17:44.45 to place fifth and better her own school record while bettering the Division II provisional time of 17:50.00.

On Friday afternoon at the Billy Hayes Invitational at Indiana University in Bloomington, Kreutzer came away with the victory in the 3,000m run with a time of 10:23.51, her second-fastest time of the season.

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